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During Elba City Council meeting Monday evening

## Mayor expresses disappointment Elba not chosen for South Central Mental Health diversion center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox delivered the bad news Monday evening, Aug. 8, to council members that the vote for the South Central Mental Health diversion center facility did not go the way Elba had hoped.

The South Central Mental Health board met Thursday, July 28, and following presentations from the cities interested in having the new center constructed in their

community, a board vote went to Brantley.

"It did not go the way we wanted it to, and we

**"It did not go the way we wanted it to, and we were unprepared for the fact that it was probably settled as soon as the people who were going to voted showed up because the presentations didn't make any difference," Mayor Tom Maddox said.**

up before the presentations. Our board members were upset and disappointed."

He said Brantley received 10 votes, Elba eight votes, and Andalusia came in third with three votes.

"The people in Brantley were happy, but they stacked the deck against us," Maddox said.

He added there is still like a one percent change for something to develop where Brantley would not be able to deliver, and that would keep Elba in the running for the facility. However, he said he felt it would go back to a revote at that point.

In other updates, the mayor said there had been a recent meeting with the E911 board regarding street addresses for homes/businesses located on what has

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Elba City Schools buses are shown Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 9, making their way between the high school and elementary school to load students and take them home for the day. With schools back in session across the county this week, local law enforcement officials are encouraging motorists to be even more careful on the roadways.

## Law enforcement offers ABC's of back-to-school safety

With the start of a new school year now underway, parents and their students should make time to review the ABC's of back-to-school safety.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "As we enter a new school year, we ask motorists to be mindful as school buses and young pedestrians reappear along Alabama roadways, particularly in designated school zones. Every driver can help protect a child's life, as well as their own, by following simple rules of the road and by practicing good driving behaviors. Our Agency has compiled the following list to ensure

everyone has an opportunity to review school safety tips and reminders before classes commence."

General School Traffic Issues:

- Expect heavier-than-usual traffic (at least the first week of school), and plan to leave home at least 20 minutes earlier than usual.
- Be patient as parents with younger children become familiar with drop-off and pick-up locations.
- Slow down and stay alert, particularly in school zones.
- Expect frequent stops along school bus routes. In fact, when a school bus

stops, motorists should stop at least 20 feet from school buses when traveling in either direction on roadways with undivided two-, four- and six-lane roadways.

- Exercise extra caution, particularly, near bus stops should a child dart out into traffic.

- In school zones with blinking flashers, stop and yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and/or at intersections. Understand the majority of children injured or killed in school transportation are not injured or killed on the bus, but outside the bus. Most are struck by motorists who fail to stop for the flashing red lights and extended stop signs.

- Never pass a vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians.

What Every Motorist Should Know:

- Obey speed limits, particularly in school zones, and other rules of the road.
- Do not drive while dis-

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## Suspect was a former Elba Police officer

## Off-duty Houston County deputy arrested in Elba on DUI charge following disabled motorist call

Elba Police made an arrest Wednesday night, Aug. 3, for driving under the influence of alcohol, and the suspect was a law enforcement officer.

Alvah Carlson, age 38, of Elba, Ala., was employed as a Houston County Sheriff's Deputy at the time of his arrest last Wednesday night; however, he was terminated by Houston County Sheriff Donald Valenza when the sheriff learned of Carlson's arrest.

"I'm not going to tolerate (this behavior)," Valenza said in an interview with another news outlet. "You can't fix stupid."

The sheriff said he fired Carlson after verifying the circumstances of his arrest.

The incident that led to Carlson's arrest in Elba stemmed from a disabled motorist call to Elba Police. Reportedly, Carlson



Carlson

was on Reese Avenue near the Brookdale subdivision in Elba when an issue with his vehicle occurred. The Elba Clipper has learned that Carlson had been operating his Houston County patrol car when the vehicle had a flat tire.

After Elba Police arrived on scene, it was determined that Carlson allegedly was under the influence of alcohol, and his arrest followed. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday night, Aug. 3, and released the following morning after posting a \$1,000 bond.

In the past, Carlson also has worked locally in law enforcement with the Elba Police, Kinston Police, and Brantley Police departments. He was still considered a 'new hire' with the Houston County Police Department at the time of last week's incident, according to information from Sheriff Valenza.

## EMA director gives updates on NWS hurricane predictions and COVID-19 during Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Aug. 8, county EMA director James Brown provided a hurricane prediction update for the season.

"The National Weather Service [NWS] has come out with their new hurricane predictions for the year," Brown said. "We are getting ready to head into September, which is our busiest time for the storms [traditionally]. They are still expecting a higher than normal season."

## Commissioners receive annual report from Coffee County Extension office on programs

Coffee County Extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin presented a 'snapshot' to Coffee County Commissioners Monday morning, Aug. 8, of things the extension office had done in 2021 and 2022.

This annual report showed that Coffee County had 1,003 youth enrolled in Alabama 4-H, which has in-school clubs in every school system in the county (Coffee County, Elba, and Enterprise). The 4-H program also host after-school clubs, county competitions, and the "Your Money Your Life" program that teaches high school students how to budget a monthly salary while providing for a family. The program also allows 4-Hers to participate in a summer camp trip.

Mauldin reported there had been 600 adult participants in extension programming, and 56 restricted use pesticide licenses

He said predictions had only decreased by one since the original predictions were released in the Spring.

Brown said the new NWS predictions suggest there will be 14-20 named storms this season with 6-10 hurricanes, and 3-5 major hurricanes.

"We're just watching the weather and hoping we don't run into one of these," Brown added. "You never know."

Brown also provided a COVID update to commissioners. He said the Alabama Department of

Public Health [ADPH] is only providing updates to his office once per week now on Thursdays.

"Coffee County is still high for our community [transmission] levels," Brown said. "13 of 67 counties are still in the high range, but some have started to come down."

He said the county has 125 new cases over the past seven days, which equates to about 18 per day. Also, he said there were about 10 people from Coffee County in the hospital with COVID the last time he checked those numbers.

Overall, Brown said the state seems to be staying at around 600-rate for COVID hospitalizations over the past month or so.

"As long as things are leveling out and not going up, we feel pretty good about our hospitals being able to handle what they are seeing," Brown said.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a recommen-

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## Elba man on drug charges

According to jail records, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Johnny Blackmon, age 61, of Elba, Thursday night, Aug. 4, on two separate drug offenses.

Blackmon was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 8:49 p.m. last Thursday night on the charges of possession of a controlled substance (\$7,500 bond), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia (\$2,500 bond).

Blackmon was later released on bond.



## Coffee County BOE approves new District Strategic Plan

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Board of Education members met Thursday evening, Aug. 4 for a work session and then monthly board meeting and a District Strategic Plan was discussed heavily before approval.

The approximate 30-minute workshop prior to the board meeting focused solely on the District Strategic Plan where district administrators presented the new proposed plan. During the board meeting, the plan was approved for adoption by the board.

The new District Strategic Plan is a 3-5-year plan with four different focus areas. The plan also gives the school system a new vision, "Educate, Elevate, Empower" along with a new mission statement and core beliefs and values.

The areas of focus in the plan are Teaching and Learning; Governance and Leadership;

## Coffee County Schools Happenings

On Thursday, Aug. 11, Zion Chapel will host "Meet the Rebels" beginning at 6 p.m. at Green Memorial Stadium.

On Thursday, Aug. 11, Kinston will host "Meet the Bulldogs" beginning at 6 p.m., at Bulldog Stadium.

On Friday, Aug. 12, New Brockton will host "Night of the Gamecocks" beginning at 6 p.m. at Gamecock Stadium.

Finance, Resources and Support Systems; and Communication and Relationships.

Superintendent Kelly Cobb assured board members this plan is a working document and could be altered at any time if needs arise.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the low bid for ADA approved ramps for Kinston and Zion Chapel were approved. As the motion to approve was made, the name of the company being awarded the bid was not revealed in the meeting, although board members had that information before them.

Board member Sherry Eddins did ask if the company had been used before by the school system, and the superintendent said they had not. She said the company did have a solid plan for the construction project. "We went with them because of the bid law, but we feel confident with the company," Cobb said.

The personnel list approved last Thursday night included some 'house-

keeping' matters as several teachers resigned their regular teacher employment with the school system to instead be employed under a TEAMS contract.

TEAMS [Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science] is a relatively new program for Alabama education, only in its second year. It allows for additional pay for certified teachers in math and science.

Cobb explained, the teachers in those content areas can resign from tenure with the school system and sign up for a TEAMS contract instead. These are usually one-year and then 3 or 5-year contracts where additional pay is approved by the state department of education.

During last Thursday evening's board meeting eight teacher resignations were approved due to TEAMS contracts, including: Lucas Davis, Christopher Littleton, Dillon Davis, Courtney Davidson, Kyle Ozier, Rustin Suavigne,

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*“Three secrets to success: Be willing to learn new things. Be able to assimilate new information quickly. Be able to get along with and work with other people.”* Sally Ride, the first American woman in space (2012)

The US Supreme Court is NOT the absolute final answer. The founders of this country designed things so that the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial arms of the government could counteract one another if something gets out of line. Recent (and pending) court decisions have lots of folks on edge. Expanding the number of judges on the court has been suggested but frankly we disagree with that idea. It can solve the immediate problem but time can mold this larger group into making unfavorable decision as well. It has happened before!


Saints preserve us! The experts are predicting a shortage of beer due to supply issues. . . . not so much with the grain shipment issues from the Ukraine, but a shortage of carbon dioxide. It is the stuff that makes the bubbles in beer and is in short supply. One of the causes of the shortages is extensive contamination in a Mississippi supplier plant of the carbon dioxide. Another is railroad labor disputes that are causing delivery issues. The casual drinkers will survive, it is the everyday, all-day folks that will have some real problems. That was not said jokingly, but for real! It could cause a considerable percentage of them to take drastic, dangerous measures in a futile effort to get their daily ‘fix’. The potential upside of the shortage would be it would give a boost to those trying to cut back and/or going ‘cold turkey’ with their beer drinking.

There is no limit to what people will post on social media. Recently a well-known French scientist confessed that a picture he posted on social media as an image of a distant star taken by the new fancy James Webb Space Telescope, was actually a close up of the cross section of a sausage! He later apologized.

This is sorta personal . . . . but David McCollough one of our favorite authors has died. He was 89 years old. McCollough won two Pulitzer Prizes and some 40 honorary doctorates from universities across the country. In 2006, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. One of his best read books was for his biography of President Truman - “Truman”. It was on the New York Times best seller list for 43 weeks! We have actually read that book three - maybe four - times since it was published in 1992 and ‘John Adams’ in 2001 also has been reread. Each one still holds a slot in our personal library. Both books won Pulitzers. He published several other best seller and prize winners, including “Mornings on Horseback” about Theodore Roosevelt’s early life that was also an absorbing read.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, and Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Aug. 2** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1222 Hickman Ave (12:17 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 431 E Davis St (12:39 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Caroline St (4:55 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 14130 Hwy 84 (5:09 a.m.). One traffic stops resulted in a citation.

**Wednesday, Aug. 3** – Traffic accident reported at 20896 Hwy 87 (6:58 a.m.); Grass fire reported at Hwy 189 and Hwy 141 (1:20 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1029 Elm Ave (2:17 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1710 Jones St (3:10 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

**Thursday, Aug. 4** – Animal complaint reported at 971 Elm Ave (9:35 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 331 County Rd 367 (12:21 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (10:28 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one written warning.

**Friday, Aug. 5** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 911 Farris Ave (12:13 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 720 Dixon St (10:21 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Tiger Dr (2:07 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 20684 Hwy 189 (3:40 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

**Saturday, Aug. 6** – Suspicious person reported at 192 Larkin Rd (9:32 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 304 S Simmons St (7:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances

reported at 331 Putnam St (8:31 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Farris Ave (10:28 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Reynolds Ave (10:48 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in four citations, two written warnings, and one unfounded.

**Sunday, Aug. 7** – Suspicious vehicle reported at Davis St and Reese Ave (1:03 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at the bridge on Davis St (4:43 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 410 Plant Ave (10:23 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1157 Morrow Ave (11:46 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one citation, two written warnings, one arrest, and two verbal warnings.

**Monday, Aug. 8** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 714 N Claxton Ave (3:17 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1025 Drayton Ave (10:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 416 Collier St – w/ animal impound (3:04 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1245 Jones Circle (6:02 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 2540 Taylor Mill Rd – w/ an arrest (6:45 p.m.).

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Cuzin Lou Lou's  
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Little Bean had Sister asking, “What in the name of Yonder?” last Sunday when it was time for Bean to go visit her groomer.

It was an early morning appointment, and Lou Lou was going to take Bean to the appointment. Sister remained snuggled in her bed, fast asleep. Bean, however, was not having it! Generally, when Lou Lou asks Bean is she is ready to go for a ride, the little monster is jumping with excitement and needs no help finding her way to the car. She started out that way last Sunday morning, and she made it as far as the garage door before she realized that Sister was not coming too.

Bean put a halt to the progress and marched herself back across the house to Sister's room. Lou Lou quickly realized that Bean had no intention of going without Sister, and she broke the news to sleepy-head.

“You’ve got to be kidding,” was Sister’s response.

Lou Lou was not kidding. She tried every trick she could think of to get Little Bean to go without Sister. Nothing worked.

When Sister finally gave in, got out of bed, and began putting on her clothes, that was the moment Bean agreed to go, but she watched Sister to make sure she was not trying to trick her.

The three made it outside, and instead of jumping into the car on Lou Lou's side, like Bean normally does, she waited for Sister to sit down in the passenger seat. Then, she jumped into the vehicle.

Lou Lou laughed the entire ride to the groomer's place of business as Sister grumbled about having to get up and tag along for the ride. Bean just sat proudly in Sister's lap, and enjoyed her ride, knowing she had won that battle.

All remained good too, until the car reached the groomer's parking lot. Bean quickly realized where she was heading. This meant being left alone for a few hours, something Bean dislikes passionately.

It works out better when the business owner is there because she provides the little monster with her own room to roam, but when she is not there, Bean goes into a kennel just like any other dog...and there lies the problem. Bean does not consider herself a dog!

As Lou Lou led Bean to the front door of the business, she did well until the door opened...she tried to turn around and back away at that point. Lou Lou was able to convince Bean to push forward and enter the building, but when the groomer tried to pick her up, Bean scurried around to hide behind Lou Lou.

After a couple minutes of ‘hide and seek’ with the groomer, Bean finally gave in and let the groomer take her from Lou Lou, but she was not very happy about it.

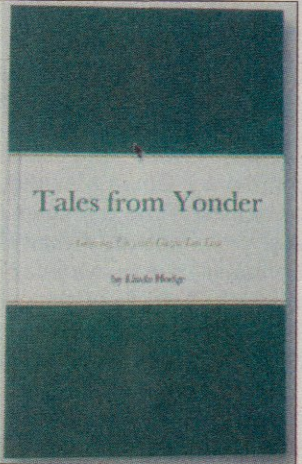
Sister picked Bean up a couple hours later, and she was so cute with her fresh haircut. Sister had no trouble convincing Bean to go home even though Lou Lou was not with her. The little monster was in a mood and ready to go back to her house.

She was mad because she had spent a few minutes in a kennel waiting for Sister to get there to pick her up. In Bean's world, that is cruel and unusual punishment!

She pouted the rest of the day and on into the night. At bedtime, Bean went underneath Lou Lou's bed to sleep rather than taking her normal spot on the bed with Lou Lou. It wasn't until about 3 a.m. Monday morning that she finally “got over” her madness and let Lou Lou know she was ready to come to bed!

Of course, Lou Lou grabbed the little monster, and they both settled back down into sleep moments later. There's never a dull moment at the Yonder gang's house, not even with the little monster!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



**Special Announcement**  
- Linda Hodge has written a Tales from Yonder: Growing Up with Cuzin Lou Lou book containing 12 short stories from Lou Lou and Sister's childhood days. This 21-page pocket-book paperback is at the printer now, and pre-orders are being accepted. There are 75 copies available in the first printing of this little book. The cost is \$7 each. If you would like to be added to the pre-order list, contact Linda Hodge, Editor!



been known as Alabama Highway 203 prior to the U.S. Highway 84 project completion. He said E911 officials suggested leaving these addresses now be simply Highway 203 (for the city physical address street names).

The mayor said all involved felt this would be the less complicated way to handle the street names moving forward due to the road changes created by the Hwy. 84 project.

During her report to council members, city clerk Sally Bane said Woodland Drive and Putnam Street culvert projects were in the design phase and hopes are for those projects to be released for bid soon.

"It was recommended to us to get an architect

involved with the recreation building and chamber building projects," Bane said. "The architect has discovered some termite damage to the chamber location and is working on a design and construction plan for that building and the recreation building."

The clerk also noted that auditors had been at city hall last week and would be returning next week. She said the city/auditors are working to close the Fiscal Year 2021 audit report.

Also, during the meeting, council members voted to accept license applications from Scott's Food Mart and Elba Food Mart for off premises consumption alcohol sales. A public hearing is set for Monday, Sept. 12, at 5:15 p.m. for these, and

the council is expected to vote on the matter during its regular meeting that evening at 5:30 p.m.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Aug. 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

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Tyler Simmons, and Sasha Jarrell.

In response to those resignations, the board approved nine employments under a TEAMS contract, to include:

- Lucas Davis, teacher at New Brockton Middle School

- Christopher Littleton, teacher at New Brockton Middle School

- Dillon Davis, teacher at New Brockton Middle School

- Courtney Davidson, teacher at Zion Chapel High School

- Kyle Ozier, teacher at New Brockton High School

- Rustin Sauvigne, teacher at New Brockton High School

- Tyler Simmons, teacher at Kinston High School

- Sasha Jarrell, teacher at Kinston High School

- Lori Granger, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Additional personnel matters approved during the meeting included:

- approve catastrophic leave for Haley Sanders with tentative dates of Sept. 30, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023

- accept the resignation of Elizabeth Lord, from her TEAMS contract to accept a position as an instructional coach

- transfer Chasity Littleton from teacher at Kinston Elementary School to teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- accept the resignations of three support personnel (Tyler Brownfield, information technology technician at the central office; Terry Carney and Jeff Amlong, both bus drivers for the school system).

The next Coffee County Board of Education regular meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

## New Hours for Elba Public Library:

As of Monday, Aug. 1, the Elba Public Library has new hours of operation:

**Monday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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## Coping with Grief in the Summer

Summertime can be a wonderful time, but if you have recently lost a loved one, it can also be a difficult time. The summer season can be made even harder when you see lots of other people outdoors having fun. You may not feel like celebrating and you may even feel guilty about your own happiness.

Here are some tips to help deal with grief in the summer:

**Give yourself time.** If this is the first summer without your loved one, it can be tempting to try to push yourself back into the activities you used to enjoy. Summer months can be busy, but make sure to give yourself time and space to grieve as well.

**Try out things you used to enjoy.** You may find these things are too painful at first, especially if they were activities you enjoyed with your loved one. However, if you give them a try, you may also find you still enjoy them.

**Go outside if possible.** A dose of some sunshine and Vitamin D can help you cope with stress.

**Try a new activity or tradition honoring your loved one.** Find a way to dedicate some time to remembering your loved one in a purposeful way. You might plan a special picnic at a spot your loved one always enjoyed visiting or plan a vacation to a spot that was important to them.

**Remember that it still ok to have fun.** If you have experienced a loss you may feel like you will never be able to laugh or have fun again. When you do find yourself having a good time you may feel guilty, like you are dishonoring your loved one. But know it is ok to find joy and be happy. It may help to do things that bring up happy memories of your loved one, such as swimming or going for a walk on the beach.

**Get help if you are still struggling.** If you find that you can't shake your feelings of sadness at all or start to feel overwhelmed, don't be afraid to seek out a counselor or support group to help you out. You can also seek out online options if you choose.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <[www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)>

## HELEN BALLARD

Ms. Helen Ballard, age 69, of Montgomery, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at Baptist Hospital South in Montgomery.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Bro. Kenny Hoomes officiating. Burial services followed in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church cemetery.

Ms. Ballard was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Eugene Ballard, and sister, Glenda Ballard.

Survivors include her mother: Annie Ballard, Opp, Ala.; brothers: Wayne Ballard, and Dennis (Tammy) Ballard, both of Elba, Jacky (Annie) Ballard, and Heath (Becky) Ballard, both of Opp.

## MARSHALL "CHIPPEE" RUFUS MAULDIN

Mr. Marshall "Chippee" Rufus Mauldin, age 69, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, August 5, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 7, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Sam Self officiating. Burial services followed in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Chippee was an avid fisherman of marine life and souls for Christ.

Survivors include his wife: Wanda Sue Mauldin, Elba; daughters: Marsha (Claude) Daniels, Elba, and Brittany Wimberly, Dothan, Ala.; sister-in-law: Jackie (Jack) Smith, Panama City Beach, Fla.; grandsons: Levi Daniels, Elba, John David and Elijah Wimberly, both of Dothan; granddaughters: Lily Daniels, Elba, and Charlee and Selah Wimberly, both of Dothan.

## ILENE GRANT

Mrs. Ilene Grant, age 88, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Friday, August 5, 2022, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Bluff Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Those wishing

to make memorial donations are asked to do so to Bluff Springs Baptist Church, c/o Shirley Bryan, 6603 County Road 305, Glenwood, AL 36034.

Mrs. Grant was preceded in death by her husband, Parker Grant; parents, Ada and Dewey Grant; a grandson, Joey Eagerton; a great-granddaughter, Railey Grant; and two sisters, Myrtle Marler, and Claretta Corley.

Survivors include her daughters: Nadine Schloemer, Elba, and Sandra (Herb) Holloway, Glenwood; sons: Carldon (Debra) Grant, Wayne (Melissa) Grant, and Randy (Anita) Grant, all of Glenwood, Larry (Jennifer) Grant, Jack, Ala.; a brother: Rudolph Harrelson, Moultrie, Ga.; 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

## JAMES ALFRED SMITH JR.

Mr. James Alfred Smith Jr., age 96, of Jack, Ala., died Friday, August 5, 2022, at Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy, Ala.

Graveside services were held Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, from Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Hagler, Rev. Jimmy Eddins, and Rev. Dustin Wisecarver officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife - Katie Smith, father - James Alfred Smith Sr., mother - Mary Martha Hussey Smith, son - James Howard Smith, daughter - Martha Sue Smith, and a sister - Beulah Owens.

Survivors include his sons: Jamey Ray (Rhonda) Smith, and Jamon Alfred Smith, both of Jack; and a sister: Mary Bush, Tallahassee, Fla.

## LILIANNA FAYE WILSON

Lilianna Faye Wilson was born Sunday, July 24, 2022. She died Saturday, August 6, 2022.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug.

11, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory in Enterprise with Rev. Philip Box officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until the time of service.

Liliana is survived by her parents: Andrew and Angela Wilson; grandparents: Ken and Kim Wilson, and Darlene McKee; along with her uncles and aunts: Adam Wilson, Aaron Wilson (Madelaine), Abby Wilson, Tony McKee (Hannah), Jessica Boutwell (Chad), and Kristina White (Glen).

## GRACE LEE PARKER DRIGGERS

Mrs. Grace Lee Parker Driggers, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Westside Terrace in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, from Westside Baptist Church, Elba, beginning at 2 p.m., with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial services followed at Hillcrest Gardens of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Westside Baptist Church from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Grace, the youngest of 13 children, born in the depths of the Great Depression, knew the value of hard work and honesty and passed that on to her three sons.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Howard E. (Sam) Driggers; a son, Kenny; her parents, Owen Thomas and Lettie Parker; and all twelve of her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her sons: Mickey (Donna) Driggers, Elba, Tim Driggers (Bill), Houston, Texas; granddaughters: Amy Marques, Colorado Springs, Colo., Katie Eddins, and Emily White, both of Elba; grandson: Charles Driggers, Salem, Ala.; three great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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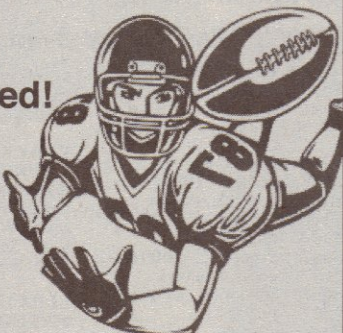
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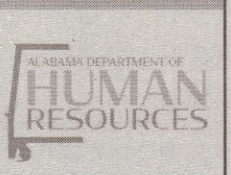
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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by R. Steven Reneau, Pastor  
Elba United Methodist Church

### Romans 5:6-11

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

This past Sunday at Elba United Methodist Church we began a new sermon series called "Grace Upon Grace". It is a deep dive into how we as Christians understand something that is both foundational to our faith and incredibly unfathomable to our minds. A good starting point for grasping this is the definition that grace is God's freely offered and undeserving favor and love for us. Yet, even this seems to come up short in our attempts to articulate grace.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement in England in the 18th Century, explains humanity's interaction with grace occurring in three ways: prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace. Another way to name these graces are: the calling grace, the forgiving grace, and the restoring grace. It is this "calling" grace that Paul talks about in the beginning of the scripture reading above. This calling grace is the grace that "goes before". It is God moving toward humanity when we were still running away. It is God, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to people even before we were aware that we needed saving. It is the grace of God that goes before us to welcome and meet us wherever life is taking us. There is nothing we can do to deserve this grace, because it is God's freely offered and undeserving favor and love for us.

No matter where you are in your life. You are loved. The real you, and not the façade that we put on for those around us. The early church regularly used a title for God that we don't often use today, but it speaks to this. They called God, "Heart-knower". The God who really knows us, really sees us, and really loves us. So may you hear today, if you hear it from nowhere else, that you are loved, and join us for the remainder of this series on Sundays at 10 a.m. in-person or online at [www.elbaume.com](http://www.elbaume.com) as we dive into forgiving and restoring grace.

## Basin Baptist Church announces Homecoming for Sunday, Aug. 14

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, Ala., will have its annual Homecoming services on Sunday, Aug. 14, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

with special music followed by the worship service at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be held in the fellowship after the morning worship hour.

## Trinity Baptist Church extends open invitation to come worship

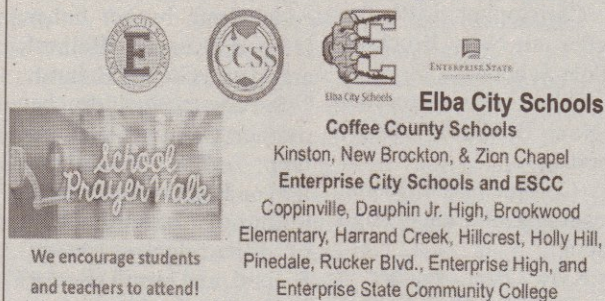
Trinity Baptist Church, located at 23830 Hwy 189, Elba, Ala., extends an invitation to those without a church home to come worship. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Dr. Culon Davis is the senior pastor, and Dr. James Preachers is the associate pastor.

## Prayer Walk 2022

Sunday, August 21st @ 4:00

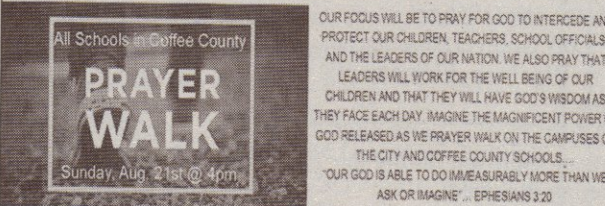
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## Woodland Grove Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming this Sunday

Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located at 164 County Rd. 235, Elba, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 14. Special singing begins at 10:30 a.m. with Walter Williams, of Dothan, as the featured singer. The message will be delivered by Dr. John Granger, beginning at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served in the Family Life Center immediately after the service.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The way of the righteous and the end of the ungodly [Psalm 1: 1-6]

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Shirley Coleman, Vernetter Purvis, Larry Rogers, Yazmin McNair, Bobby Ordon, Dewight Belcher, Vincent Smith, Bill S. Kelley, Isaiah Franklin Jr.

### August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Katonya P. Kyles 8/1  
Nobie Rayborn 8/1  
Rev. W.O. and Shakeitha Edwards 8/1 W.A.  
Keirra Hammonds 8/1  
Frances Wade 8/2  
Lacy Nunn Kelley 8/3  
Ruby H. Ellison 8/3  
Former President Barack Obama 8/4  
Perry R. Stinson 8/4  
Annie P. Carpenter 8/4 (in memory)  
Bradley Belcher 8/8

### Restoring Justice?

Conor McBride walked into a Tallahassee police station on March 28, 2010, and said, "You need to arrest me. I just shot my fiancé in the head." He was telling the truth. He and Ann Margaret Grosmaire had argued for 38 hours. Then he shot her. In the hospital, Ann was unconscious when her father was sure she said "forgive him" before she died. Conor was charged with first-degree murder, but Ann's parents didn't want him to spend his life in prison. A prison chaplain told them about the concept of restorative justice. It's an approach to sentencing in which the prisoner, his family, officials, and the family of the victim try to agree on a lesser sentence than the law requires. It happened; Conor's sentence for murder

was only 20 years. God's system of restorative justice works differently. We are offered a restored, right relationship with Him only on the basis of Christ's payment for the penalty of our sins. A more appropriate designation for God's system of restorative justice is grace. This system requires no gathering of various parties to agree to a reduced sentence. God's grace means there is no sentence! Why would anyone reject such an offer? — C.R.B.

### Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 8/11/2022

Q: Which two apostles were present at the healing of the man who couldn't walk?

A: Peter and John [Acts 3:11]

Q: Before what King were Daniel and his friends brought?

A: Nebuchadnezzar [Daniel 1:18]

### Thought to Remember

Your words may hide your thoughts, but your actions reveal them. When the devil calls let Jesus answer the door.

### Questions for the Week of 8/18/2022

Fill in the Blanks

Q: In the book of Genesis, Joseph retained \_\_\_\_\_ as a hostage.

Q: Jesus wants His followers to be known for their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.

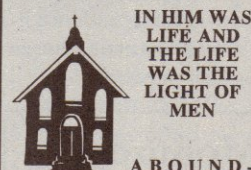
Q: Thos born of God overcome \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



## Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

### ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

### BETHLE AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

### BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

### BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

### CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

### CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

### COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" . . . 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

### EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

### ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

### EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

### FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:30 p.m.

### FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adeock, Pastor

Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

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### GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.



## LIFESTYLES



**BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...**Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered Tuesday morning, Aug. 9, for their monthly breakfast fellowship at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. Class members present this month were: David Blackmon, Terry Calhoun, Eddie Thompson, Neil Hutto, Rodger Dale Boothe, Jerome Blackmon, Merrell Shirley, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, and Kenneth Baker.

### Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil

### Vietnam Veterans of America chapter meeting set for Saturday in Ozark, Ala.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 will be Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Friends of Army Aviation Hangar in Ozark, Ala. (189 Heritage Way, Ozark).

There will be an optional breakfast (\$5 donation) at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. This meeting is open to members and those that served in-country and era veterans interested in veteran's issues. **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** is only \$50 (ELIGIBILITY: Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1 1953 and May 1975, or in any duty location between August 5 1964, and May 7, 1975).

### Stump named new Dean of Administrative Services at ESCC

Chellye Stump has been named the new Dean of Administrative Services at Enterprise State Community College.

Stump will manage three divisions at ESCC in her new role. As Dean of Administrative Services, she will lead all areas of the college's business functions, which includes the College's budget, bookstore services, inventory and financial reporting; information technology, including the hardware, software, networking and communications infrastructure; and college planning, institutional effectiveness, quality enhancement and accreditation through the Institutional Effectiveness Division.

Stump has 30 years of higher education experience, with over 20 years of her career being at ESCC. Since 2013, she has served the College as its System Software and Grants Manager, where she helped the College transition to the Banner system, managed the College's HEERF and CARES funds, and secured the College grant funding for various projects. Previously, she has

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## Lois Russell honored at symposium

Alabama State University's vice president for the division of Marketing and Strategic Communications - Lois Russell - brought home a top award and accolades from the 2022 HBCU Philanthropy Symposium, which she recently attended in our nation's capital. The Advancement Leadership Award was presented to Russell during the Symposium which drew hundreds of Advancement and other higher education professionals for the three-day event.

Russell has worn many professional "hats" during her 15-year tenure at ASU, including Director of Marketing, University Editor, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and currently, Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Communications. Russell, who is known for having a "can do" approach to each of her assignments, characteristically shifted the spotlight from herself and instead gave recognition for winning the award to others.

"I am both humbled and grateful to Dr. Vita Pickrum (Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Delaware State University and the founder of the Symposium) and her staff for selecting me for this honor. I accept the award on behalf of those who work every day in the Division of Marketing and Strategic Communications to help to advance the brand and vision of Alabama State University.

Delaware State's LaShawne Pryor, a senior leader of the event, believes that Russell's recognition is well-deserved. "The award that Lois Russell won recognizes her as an advancement professional who has exhibited leadership and long standing service over many years to Alabama State University and overall to the nation's HBCUs," Pryor said.

Alabama State's Russell believes that the information and networking provided by the Symposium is important to sustaining the nation's HBCUs.

"The HBCU Philanthropy Symposium has been a great help to me in developing my skills as an advancement professional," said Russell, an Elba, Alabama native. "The symposium draws HBCU advancement leaders from across the country and affords us unique opportu-



Lois Russell

nities to engage with higher education partners and funders," Russell stated.

Lois G. Russell has an extensive professional background in communications. A 19-year veteran of the field of Broadcast Journalism, she has worked in various aspects of radio and television news. During her tenure at WSFA-TV in Montgomery, Russell was instrumental in the news department receiving numerous professional awards from various industry organizations such as the Alabama Broadcasters Association and the Associated Press.

Russell left broadcasting in 1995 to become an instructor at a Montgomery private school where she taught high school English for 11 years. In 2006, she shifted to higher education, becoming the Director of Development for Amridge University, a position she held for nearly two years before being hired as Marketing Director at Alabama State University (ASU) in 2008. Her work at ASU has evolved over the years to include serving as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and her current position as Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Communications, a role in which she reports directly to the University President and oversees ten departments: News Services, Media Relations, Marketing, Creative Services, Social Media, Photography, Graphic Services, CommUniversity, Licensing and WVAS-FM radio station.

Russell has one son, Byron, who resides in Huntsville, Ala., with his wife Chrissy.

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Chellye Stump

served the College as its business manager and its chief accountant. She has also previously served as the Director of Financial Affairs for University College at Troy University.

President Danny Long said Stump's experience has been an important factor in the growth of the College.

"Mrs. Stump has been an integral part of the College's growth and success," Long said. "Through her efforts, the College has been able to utilize external resources to complete capital improvement projects, expand our program offerings, successfully tran-

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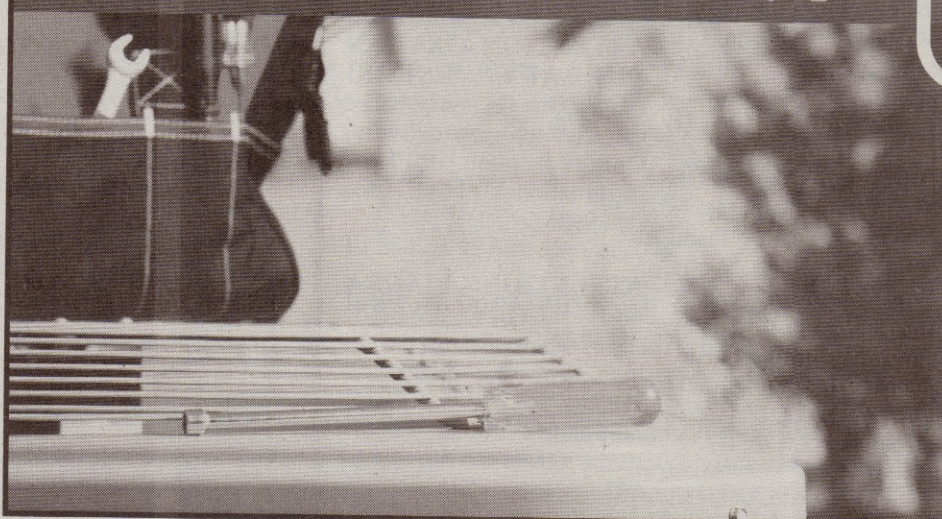
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF ISAAC CLIFFORD MATTHEWS, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PC 2022-050

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Peggy J. Matthews, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time

allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 7/28, 8/4&11-pd.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDNA LOU KNIGHT

FARRIS, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-22-052

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 26th day of July, 2022, to Karon Farris Jewell as Executrix of the Estate of Edna Lou Knight Farris, deceased, who departed this life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ L. Merrill Shirley L. Merrill Shirley Attorney for the Estate of Edna Lou Knight Farris, Deceased 8/11,18/25-pd

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I, Scott's Food Mart, have made application to the City of Elba for a Liquor, Beer, and Wine license (off) premises consumption at this location, 632 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, AL 36323. A public hearing will be held by the City Council prior to their regular meeting in the Council Chamber at Elba City Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2022.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Elba Food Mart, have made application to the City of Elba for a Liquor, Beer, and Wine license (off) premises consumption at this location, 221 East Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323. A public hearing will be held by the City Council prior to their regular meeting in the Council Chamber at Elba City Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2022.

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### ADPH orders Novavax COVID-19 vaccine for adults

Another COVID-19 vaccine option is now available to unvaccinated Alabama adults. The Alabama Department of Public Health has ordered 8,000 doses of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, and 5,000 of those doses are being sent to county health departments throughout the state.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the recommendation from its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine be available for people ages 18 years and older.

The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose primary series administered 3 to 8 weeks apart. People

who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should also receive 2 doses, given 3 weeks apart. A third primary dose is not currently authorized. Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is not authorized for use as a booster dose.

In clinical trials, vaccine side effects were mild. The most common side effect was pain at the injection site. COVID-19 vaccines undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Side effects that happen within 7 days of getting vaccinated are common, but they are mostly mild and only last a few days. Some people have reactions that affect their ability to do daily activities. Side effects throughout the body (such as fever, chills,

fatigue and headache) are more common after the second dose of the vaccine. Severe allergic reactions to vaccines are rare.

Novavax is a COVID-19 vaccine that uses a more traditional protein-based technology, unlike the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines which use mRNA technology. As with other COVID-19 vaccines, it is anticipated that the Novavax vaccine will be effective in protecting against severe COVID-19 illness, including hospitalization and death.

Information about COVID-19 vaccine providers and clinics can be found at alabamapublichealth.gov. Locations where COVID-19 vaccine is available can be viewed at vaccines.gov.

### ADPH continues monkeypox response

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues to respond to additional cases of monkeypox in the state and follow guidance from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) in this national public health emergency. As of August 8, ADPH reports 19 cases in Alabama. More cases are expected as testing increases.

ADPH investigates each case to provide education regarding isolation and potential treatment, as well as identify contacts who might benefit from vaccine. Not all cases of monkeypox require treatment, but cases do need to isolate and follow infection control to reduce transmission of the virus to other people. Direct contacts of cases may benefit from vaccine given within 4 to 14 days of contact.

Due to limited vaccine, CDC has provided information for those persons at greatest risk to contract monkeypox virus. The general public does not need to take Jynneos vaccine unless they are contacts to cases or have other risk factors. Postexposure vaccine will be made available to those who have been exposed to a person with monkeypox within the previous 14 days or to those who are at higher risk of being exposed.

County health departments in Alabama will have vaccine for those determined to need vaccine. ADPH is identifying additional healthcare providers to administer vaccine to persons at highest risk.

Anyone can be infected with monkeypox. In this outbreak, male-to-male sexual contact has been a risk factor. Monkeypox is usually

transmitted through close, intimate, skin-to-skin contact or through broken skin, respiratory droplets or mucous membranes. The CDC lists the following ways monkeypox is spread:

- Direct contact with an infectious rash, scabs or body fluids
- Respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling or sex
- Touching objects, fabrics (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the rash or body fluids of someone with monkeypox
- Being scratched or bitten by an infected animal

Monkeypox causes a rash that starts as flat spots, which then becomes raised, develop into vesicles, and finally appear pustular. In this outbreak, some people have only had rash, but other symptoms, such as fever, chills, enlarged lymph nodes, muscle aches and headaches can occur with the rash. Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. This can take two to four weeks. Individuals with any symptoms of monkeypox should discuss them with their healthcare provider.

Persons being tested for monkeypox should follow isolation guidelines until diagnosed. Individuals who are identified as contacts to monkeypox cases should monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of disease.

ADPH regularly updates its Monkeypox page with the latest information at https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/monkeypox/index.html

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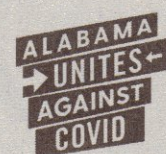
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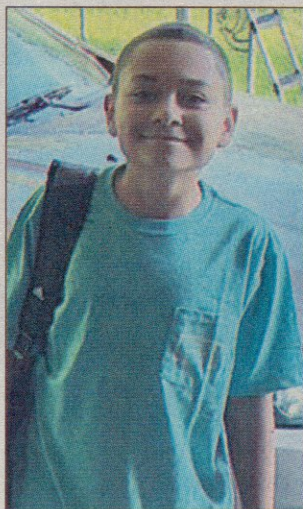
## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson headed off to school last Friday** for his first day in the sixth grade, and while he did look a little sleepy when the afternoon bell rang, he recovered quickly and on Saturday went swimming with his Mom for a couple of hours at his Aunt Mel Mel's house. I know he was sleepy again Monday morning, but like all the other students will get back in the swing of things a lot quicker than the parents.



## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers put on the pads Saturday night** for a scrimmage down at Miller Memorial Stadium and it was easy to see that while the 2022 edition of the Tigers may be young, they do have a lot of size and seem to have good numbers for a 1A squad. Elba did lose a lot of quality athletes to graduation and many area fans think this could be the year their favorite teams knock off the Tigers, but I have worn the 'Black and Gold' for almost seventy years and am convinced the Tigers will roar just as loudly as ever and give their fans plenty to cheer about in the coming months.

\*\*\* **While on the subject of Elba Tiger football**, all Tiger fans will be glad to hear that all games will be either streamed on the internet or be broadcast live on the radio by WVVL-FM. The local radio station has been off the air for almost a year after its antenna was destroyed by high winds, but owner Mike Holderfield told me last week that while the first couple of games will be on the Internet, he has hopes the radio will be back up and running in September and everyone in Elba and the surrounding area will be able to listen to the games, as well as sports talk radio, in their cars and on their phones. I will be back as the play-by-play announcer on the station and urge all Tiger fans to listen in and let Mike know we all appreciate his devotion to Elba. He is the owner of the ultra-successful WOOF-FM radio station in Dothan, lives in the Dothan area and could no doubt save lots of time and money by just walking away from the Elba area. However, he grew up in Elba, his dad Doug Holderfield owned WELB and later expanded into the FM market, and still wants to provide radio coverage to Elba and its citizens. Looks like we are lucky to have a former Elba resident and Elba Tiger still caring about his old hometown.

\*\*\* **The preseason high school football poll is out** and a number of area teams are in the 'Top 10' in the polls, led by the Brantley Bulldogs, who are ranked #1 in Class 1A. The Elba Tigers are right behind at the #6 spot in the rankings, while perennial powers Sweet Water came in at #3 and Leroy was ranked at #4. When you look at the poll and find Brantley, Sweet Water, Leroy and Elba all ranked in the top six, it makes it clear that South Alabama is once again the land of the giants in 1A football. Enterprise made the top ten in Class 7A at the #8 spot, while Andalusia came in at #3 in Class 4A, after spending the past several years in 5A, and Opp was ranked #4 in Class 3A, which may be the Bobcats highest preseason ranking ever. Yep, it is going to be a fun and exciting season for high school football.

\*\*\* **In closing....** Things are getting busy in the world of sports as the Elba Tigers are just one week away from their season opener in football, Alabama and the other SEC teams are less than a month away from their opening kickoffs and the Atlanta Braves are making a run for their fifth straight National League East Division crown. Ready or not, our schedules are going to soon be filled.

The Elba Clipper is searching for a "Sports Stringer" to help cover Brantley High School football games this season. This person would provide game stats to The Elba Clipper staff each week (due by Saturday evening). Contact Editor Linda Hodge for more details and information on the pay for this seasonal position.

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## Inexperience is big question mark for 2022 Elba Tigers as season opener draws near

Area high school football fans don't really know what to expect from the Elba Tigers this season on the gridiron.

On one hand, the Tigers posted a 10-2 record and won a region title a year ago in Class 2A. So, the move down to Class 1A could mean the Tigers will be a contender in the 1A ranks.

On the other hand, the Tigers were hit hard by graduation and have just four starters returning on offense and two starters back on defense. That means almost no experience.

Elba head coach Marc Sieving is well aware of the youth on his team, but in a recent interview shrugged off the obvious question and simply stated "We are young, but that is just an excuse. We expect to compete every time we hit the field and expect to get after our opponents every week. It is true that Brantley is always a 1A power and always expects to win a state title, while Kinston is coming off an historic season and will be filled with confidence, and McKenzie will have another very dangerous team after going 7-4 last season. I don't see any teams on our schedule that will roll over and give us an easy win. However, we are Elba and we expect to win no matter the opponent."

While only four starters are back on offense, the quartet is a very talented group that includes the entire offensive backfield in junior quarterback

### Brantley and Elba ranked in 1A Top 10

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its annual preseason high school football standings for the upcoming season, with the Brantley Bulldogs ranked #1 in Class 1A, followed by the Elba Tigers at #6.

Following is a list of the top three teams in all seven classifications, as well as area teams listed in the top ten:

- Class 7A** — 1. Thompson 2. Central Phenix City 3. Auburn (8. Enterprise)
- Class 6A** — 1. Clay-Chalkville 2. Mt. Brook 3. Saraland
- Class 5A** — 1. UMS-Wright 2. Vigor 3. Ramsay
- Class 4A** — 1. Montgomery Catholic 2. Handley 3. Andalusia
- Class 3A** — 1. Piedmont 2. Gordo 3. Mars Hill Bible (4. Opp)
- Class 2A** — 1. Fyffe 2. Clarke County 3. Lanett (4. Arlton 5. Highland Home 8. G.W. Long)
- Class 1A** — 1. Brantley 2. Spring Garden 3. Sweet Water (6. Elba)

Brayden Johnson, senior running back JT Coleman and sophomore sensation Alvin Henderson, a speedy back that has already garnered offers from over 50 colleges across the country. Johnson is a physical back that packs the power to run through would be tacklers and also has the skills to be a dangerous passer while Coleman is a true breakaway threat from anywhere on the field, and Henderson rushed for over 1,000 yards and 24 touchdowns in eleven games as a true freshman.

Add to that group returning offensive lineman Kyle Smith, and the fact the Tigers have only four starters returning doesn't seem quite as encouraging to opposing defensive coaches.

"Alvin is certainly a very talented running back and he is handling all the publicity pretty good," added Coach Sieving, "but we need Alvin to be the best Elba Tiger he can be, and to realize that to be the best he can be he will have to work hard. Brayden had a really good season last year as a sophomore, as did JT, and we are looking for both of them to be leaders for us and be big play performers. Kyle is the leader in the line and we expect him to take on the challenge of leading a young group around him and helping them to grow up."

Among the younger players expected to play major roles for the Tigers this season are Ty Sieving, Keaton Poole, Collin Arnold, Jacob Watkins, Kaleb Mitchell,



COACH MARC SIEVING

Jamal Siler, Emmanuel Cook, Logan Horton, Cody Gray and Lakai Reynolds.

Over on defense the only starters back for Elba are defensive back JT Coleman and defensive lineman Kyle Smith, which will put added pressure on a group of players that include Brayden Johnson, Brady Johnson, and Cameron Gray, as well as Mitchell, Poole, Watkins, Arnold, Reynolds, and Cody Gray.

One strength the Tigers feel confident about comes at placekicker, where junior Alex Wisecup will be back after an outstanding sophomore campaign as both placekicker and kickoff

man.

Elba has posted 15 straight winning seasons and is closing in on the illustrious '600 Win' club, but Sieving knows the development of the inexperienced players pushed into action will be the key to another successful season.

"We have been getting a lot of hype because of all the attention Alvin is getting," said Sieving, in his third year at the Elba helm, "but this is a team sport and everyone here has been working hard to try and fill the spots in the lineup and help us maintain the winning tradition that all Elba fans expect, and deserve."



**ELBA LADY TIGERS....** were ready to hit the sack last Monday night after participating in a 'Midnight Madness' volleyball practice at the Elba High gym. The first day of official preseason team practice was Monday, and the volleyball players gathered at 12:00 am, midnight, to get the jump on their opponents. After a two hour practice the team members ate pizza for breakfast and hit the sack for some much needed sleep.

### AHSAA central board approves \$2 million revenue sharing plan to member schools

The Alabama High School Athletic Association Board meeting held at the AHSAA office. However, the revenue share distribution is being postponed due to the current litigation.

The Board also approved the hiring of Billingsley High School athletic director James "J.T." Lawrence to fill the current AHSAA executive staff vacancy, and presented retired Center Point High School principal and former Central Board President Van Phillips with a Distinguished Service plaque thanking him for his many years of outstanding service to the AHSAA.

AHSAA Executive Director Alvin Briggs praised the addition of Lawrence to the AHSAA executive staff

citing his experience as a coach, athletic director, and administrator, and he also lauded the positive impact of Phillips.

"JT has volunteered his time with the AHSAA for many years and has always been willing to help us wherever he could," said Briggs. "His extensive experience as an athletic director stands out. He has a strong understanding of our schools' needs and a willingness to help others. We look forward to big things from him at the AHSAA."

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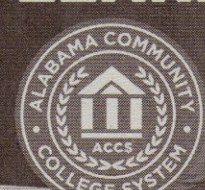
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### “AHSAA”

“Briggs also cited Phillips’ leadership.

“We are so appreciative for Van Phillips and for what he has done for education and athletics in the state of Alabama. He has been a model leader for all of us to emulate.”

The Board plans to review the Revenue Share distribution in October, and based on the expense of the litigation, the possibility of distributing all or some of that total will be revisited. The AHSAA Revenue Share Program has distributed \$19.2 million to member schools since its inception in 2010. The 2021-2022 total would push that total to \$21.2 million. The plan returns excess funds back to the schools when the AHSAA has at least one year’s working capital in reserve.

The Central Board also approved waiving membership dues for member schools for the 31<sup>st</sup> straight year – a cost savings of \$84,875 for its member high schools, middle and junior high schools for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. The schools have had approximately \$2.6 million in savings since the Central Board waived the dues for the first time in 1991-92.

“We had record crowds at many of our events this past school year. The revenue share is directly attributed to the strong leadership of the Central Board and our member schools,” said Briggs. “We are also extremely proud to wave the schools’ membership fees for the 31<sup>st</sup> straight year. The board’s approval of that savings is a big help to all our schools.”

The Central Board welcomed two new members to the board, Pelham High School principal **Kim Kiel** and Crenshaw County Superintendent of Schools **Dodd Hawthorne**. Kiel, who has served on the board before, is representing District 5,

and first-time member Hawthorne is representing District 2.

In addition, the board heard requests from Cullman Christian School and Emmanuel Christian School of Dothan and approved both schools for associate membership into the AHSAA.

The Board also approved the recommendation of the Wrestling Committee concerning qualifiers per weight division from the Regional Tourney to the State Tourney as follows: Class 1A/4A (12); Class 5A (8); Class 6A (12); and Class 7A (12).

New board president **Mike Welsh**, Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools, presided over Wednesday’s meeting. The Central Board also reviewed and approved 2022-2023 publications, including the AHSAA Handbook and AHSAA Sports Book. The Legislative Council also met and approved the AHSAA publications Wednesday afternoon and heard a review of the Central Board’s earlier board business.

### Zion Chapel and Kinston receive AHSAA Sportsmanship Award

The AHSAA Summer Conference concluded on Friday, July 29, with the Athletic Directors and Principals meeting.

The eighth annual Star Sportsmanship luncheon recognized 65 high schools that were ejection and fine free for the 2021-22 school year. The Andrews Sports Medicine Sportsmanship \$1,000 grant was awarded to eight of the schools, one from each district, in a show of support for the AHSAA’s sportsmanship initiatives. The eight included:

District 1:	J.U. Blacksher High School, Uriah
District 2:	Kinston High School
District 3:	Greene County High School,



### APEX 16U ends season with Southern National title

The APEX 16 and Under fast pitch softball team recently completed its fall/summer tournament season by winning the prestigious Southern Nationals showcase, at Foley, Alabama.

APEX, which closed the season ranked second in the nation in its age division, ended the ultra-successful season with a 36-12-2 record and won six tournaments, including two national tournaments.

APEX tipped off play at the Southern Nationals with a 1-1 tie with All Sport Fusion. Aimee Senn had 2 hits and Sam Spisak

added 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the team at the plate, while Casey Stengall pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with five strikeouts.

APEX dropped its only game of the event in its next pool play contest with a 5-0 loss to Capital City. McKinley Tatum, Olivia Reynolds and Sam Spisak all had 1 hit to lead the team at the plate, while Haley Melton pitched three innings and allowed four earned runs on three hits.

APEX opened bracket

play with a thrilling 1-0 win over Capital City. Casey Stengall had 1 hit and 1 rbi and Emma Hargrave added 1 hit and scored 1 run, while Stengall pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with five strikeouts.

APEX scored five runs in the first inning and coasted to a 6-2 win over the Alabama Stingers. Casey Stengall had 2 hits and 3 rbi’s to lead the team at the plate, while Elizabeth Hancock added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Casey Stengall and Haley Melton combined to pitch

three innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits.

APEX pushed across the winning run in its final at-bat to ease past Black Hawk Elite. Elizabeth Hancock had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and added 2 rbi’s to lead the team at the plate, while Casey Stengall added 1 hit and 2 rbi’s, and Emma Hargrave added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Casey Stengall and Haley Melton combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on ten hits, while striking out six.

APEX wrapped up the tournament title with a dominating 9-2 win over Matoon Pride. Emma Hargrave had 3 hits and scored 3 runs in the championship game win, while Casey Stengall added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi’s; McKinley Tatum added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi’s; Elizabeth Hancock added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Aimee Senn added 1 hit and 2 rbi’s. Haley Melton and Casey Stengall combined to pitch four innings and combined to allow one earned run on three hits.

of the program. The 65 Sportsmanship Schools being recognized this year have been ejection and fine free 381 times since 2008. Class 5A Lee-Huntsville and Class 4A Jacksonville accomplished the feat for the first time in 2021-22. Both schools won state boys’ basketball titles.

Other area schools to be recognized included Barbour County, Florala, Zion Chapel, Providence Christin, Slocumb and Andalusia.

### Closing for lake renovations

#### Crenshaw County Lake to close in fall for up to two years

Crenshaw County Public Fishing Lake near Luverne, Alabama, will close this fall for renovations. During the closure, the aging dam structure will be evaluated

and repaired by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). The

lake will also be restocked to improve fishing quality.

WFF has removed daily creel limits and length limits for all species of fish at the lake so anglers can make use of the resource before the lake is drained. Anglers must still obtain a \$3 fishing permit and possess a valid fishing license. The permit and license are available for purchase at the lake or online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

As ADCNR’s State Public Fishing Lakes age, regular maintenance and renovations are necessary to repair infrastructure and improve fishing quality. Constructed in the 1950s, Crenshaw was one of Alabama’s first state public fishing lakes and has provided almost 70 years of fishing. This renovation will ensure future generations have access to quality fishing in Crenshaw County and the surrounding areas.

After the renovations, Crenshaw County Public Fishing Lake will be restocked with various sport fish species. The lake will remain closed as they grow to a catchable size. This creates a new lake effect where fish populations experience a rapid increase in abundance and growth due to the improved conditions in the lake. The fish will reach a catchable size in about two years and will be very aggressive when the lake reopens, leading to a better fishing experience for anglers.

Anglers looking for an alternative to Crenshaw County lake during the renovation are encouraged to visit the state-owned public fishing lakes in Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties. For more information, visit [www.outdooralabama.com/where-fish-alabama/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls](http://www.outdooralabama.com/where-fish-alabama/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls) or call the WFF Fisheries Section at (334) 242-3471.

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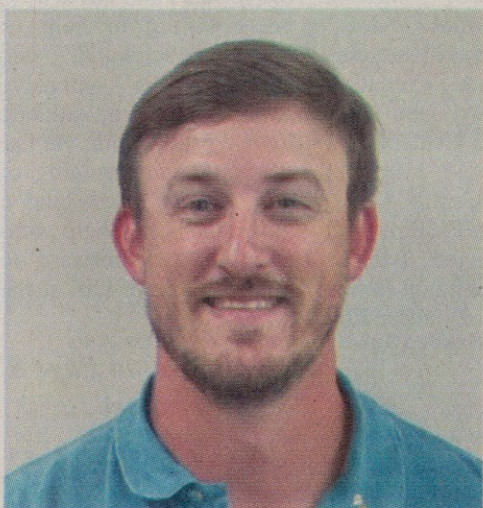
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